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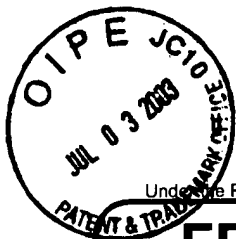
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
22	-20** = 0	18	0
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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
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1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
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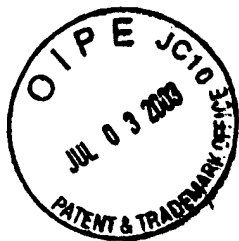
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Application of:

Applicant : Whitby et al.
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Title : PACKAGE WRAPPING MACHINE WITH AUTOMATIC PACKAGE
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action dated April 1, 2003, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Currently Amended). A [package] wrapping machine for wrapping trayed food products [packages], comprising:

a wrap station at which [packages] trayed food products are wrapped;

a film dispensing station for drawing out film over [a package] trayed food products at the wrap station;

a conveying system for moving [packages] trayed food products along a defined path to the wrap station including:

a first conveyor along a first portion of the defined path;

a second conveyor along a second portion of the defined path, the first conveyor having an output end which is aligned at a height with and feeds to an input end of the second conveyor for feeding [a package] trayed food products traveling along the first conveyor to the second conveyor;